

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: September 11, 2020

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 1033 Polk Avenue. Remember you don't have to go out in the smoke to see the Yard of the Week, you can see photos of all the 2020 Yard of the Week winners by visiting the City's Webpage at:

www.cottagegrove.org/citymanager/page/yard-week

Only two more weeks left of the 2020 Yard of the Week season.

Wildfire Information

This weekend the air quality in the Cottage Grove area is expected to continue to be very unhealthy. People with heart or lung disease, older adults, children and teens should avoid any physical activities outdoors. Everyone is encouraged to avoid strenuous outdoor activities; keep outdoor activities short; consider moving physical activities indoors or rescheduling them.

Information about the wildfires and air quality changes constantly. The best sources for current accurate wildfire and smoke information can be found on the following websites:

State of Oregon Wildfire Page – wildfire.oregon.gov – has information about wildfires throughout the entire state. Also has links to useful information about air quality and evacuation preparations. You can use the links on the page to see the current air quality at communities throughout the state ([AirNow](#)) or monitor the status of evacuations for the current active wildfires.

Lane County McKenzie/Holiday Farm Fire – www.lanecounty.org/McKenzieFire – has information about the notifications surrounding the Mckenzie/Holiday Farm Fire and other useful information about evacuation shelters, air respite centers, animal and livestock resources, utilities and road closure information.

Wildfire Donations

Donations were being accepted at the Community Center for those displaced by the wildfires in the area. On Saturday and Sunday, since the Community Center will be closed, the donations will be accepted at the Masonic Lodge at 33322 Row River Road. All items donated will be transported to evacuees by members of the Cottage Grove Police Department. Beginning

Monday, donations will again be accepted at the Community Center. Please call ahead to arrange a time to drop off the donations.

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, September 14, 2020 from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Item to Add to City Council Agenda

It doesn't happen very often but there is an item that will be presented to the City Council on Monday night as an item to add to the agenda. The Cottage Grove VFW Post 3473 has requested a permit from the City Council to set up their Free Coffee Wagon in City Parks. State restrictions have prevented them from setting up the wagon at the Gettings Creek Rest Area which has significantly reduced the Post's donation revenue. City Councilors should check their email for the request letter and staff report.

New Engineering Technician

Tuesday was Daniel Haynes first day working in the Engineering Division as the new Engineering Technician for the City. He joins a team of two full-time and one part-time employees. Daniel just completed a five year commitment serving in the United States Navy. He oversaw a crew that performed repairs and maintenance to the cockpit of Navy planes. He was responsible to ensure every plane's pilot control area was ready to fly. Daniel previously worked one summer for the City in the Parks and Maintenance Division before entering the Navy. Daniel is a great addition to the Engineering Division and much needed with all the facility projects in construction throughout the City.

Quote of the Week:

"Time is passing. Yet, for the United States of America, there will be no forgetting September the 11th. We will remember every rescuer who died in honor. We will remember every family that lives in grief. We will remember the fire and ash, the last phone calls, the funerals of the children."

~George W. Bush~